

District 2 Newsletter

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www.gardenontario.org/site.php/district2

Dear member of District 2

There is a an easier to read version here:

http://www.ottawahort.org/district2public/news_district2_20120102.pdf

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Annual Report Time

As soon as you complete your Society AGM, please fill in your annual report forms. Get the forms done now so that you and other volunteers won't have to rush later.

See the forms pages on the OHA web site:

<http://www.gardenontario.org/abo/forms.php>

**** New for 2011, file your OHA society report using the website. ****

File your annual report using the web site. You just need to log in and fill out the form. Here are instructions:

http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/instructions_for_society_annual_report.pdf

I really hope all societies will take advantage of this web form. It will save work for several people.

Volunteer Hours

For the annual report and volunteer hours forms. I encourage you to fill out your reports in Microsoft word and e-mail them to me (district2@gardenontario.org) please confirm I have received them.

OMAFRA Society Report

For the OMAFRA report see:

http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/returns/2011hortreturn_grant.htm

Read the forms before filling them in. Before submitting, print your form as a backup. Please send me an e-mail to let me know you've filed.

If you have new executives in your Society, please send their contact information to Bonnie or me. I'd like to make sure everyone is kept informed in the district.

Any member of your Society is welcome to be on the District 2 news mail list. Just send an e-mail to me at district2@gardenontario.org

District 2 Calendar

See:

<https://docs.google.com/Doc?docid=0AdMQQ7Uk1D-HZGMzaG4yc2ZfOGZyODg4cWQ2&hl=en>

Just a reminder of some items to keep on your radar:

From Sheila King, Past District Director

Dear Presidents and representatives for all Societies in District 2 OHA,

As your past District Director I have several tasks to perform as we head into 2012. I trust you can discuss the following with your executive and membership and hopefully fill in some forms!

Elections

At our next D2 AGM in Ottawa on March 31st 2012 we will be electing our D2 Executive for

2012/2013. The nominating committee for this process is Ken Fink and Helen Halpenny with myself as chair.

The positions to fill are that of District Director and four Assistant Directors. To date I have received a few verbal nominations. We are searching for nominees for a District Director, an Assistant District Director for the Ottawa River Basin (Renfrew County) and also an Assistant District Director who can originate from any of our 21 Societies. All of the Executive positions are offered to all Societies and we would welcome your suggestion to follow up on. If any of your membership are interested in serving their District and becoming more involved please put their name forward as a candidate please email to sheilaking.art@rogers.com to arrive before February 18th. Please ensure you have the consent of the candidate. It is possible for candidates to be nominated from the floor at the AGM but it eases the process if nominations are sent to the chair in advance.

Our nominating committee are all past DD's and along with our present DD we would welcome any questions you have regarding the positions.

District 2 Service Award

I invite you to study your long-time members list and discuss with your executives a worthy candidate for this honorable award. Criteria can be found in the awards booklet or at

<http://www.gardenontario.org/act/awa.php>

Nominations must be received by January 31st 2012, Past DD plus four existing ADD's will vote on those nominated, in a case of a tie the DD will have the deciding vote.

In Memoriam

Please email in the names of your members who have passed away since the last D2AGM. There will be the opportunity to add to this list if needs be at the advisory meeting at the next AGM

D2 Judges

We have a grand team of certified judges in D2. As judging co-ordinator for D2 I ask all Society show convenors to use the current Certified Judges list for D2.

<http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/Copy%20of%20District%202%20-%20July%202011.xls>

Ask your Society Judges to check that they are correctly listed, if missing it is probably due to the fact that they have not re registered!

In 2011 we had a wonderful Update Day organized by Carlton Place and Almonte H.S. The location at the Carlton Place Curling Centre was ideal and central in our District.

I would suggest we use this local again but call upon two Societies to organize the day. Book speaker arrange demonstrations, floral practice, mini show, and refreshments.

This could be done from a-far! A good opportunity for judges from your Societies to get involved in a group project. We do have some finances in the D2 account set aside for such events if needed for down payment etc. Two Societies please volunteer to work together on this.

Bus transportation to the 2012 OHA Convention in Niagara

Lastly... Bus transportation to the 2012 OHA Convention in Niagara on the Lake August 17th – 19th hosted by District 9 = Gardening then and now 1812-2012

I am working with a reputable company and should have a price quote by Jan 9th. The suggestion is to leave very early on the Thursday morn with first pick up in Kanata thence down the 416 picking up as required depending on numbers, on to the 401.... Any spare seats could maybe be filled by Brockville H.S. Staying an extra night at the reasonably priced college accommodation could mean a trip on the way home Monday to the Niagara Botanical garden and of course the Falls, any ideas on this welcome.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters I await your input.

Happy New Year and a great gardening season

Best regards

Sheila M. King

Past District Director D2 OHA

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Treasurer Letter Of Credit Agreement

Bonding must be completed annually as required by Horticultural Societies Act.

Send to: OHA Treasurer using forms sent by the OHA.

http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/tloca_1out_with_the_old_in_with_the_new.doc

http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/instructions_to_download_tloca_forms.pdf

http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/tloca_letter_of_credit_agreement_2012_fill_in_form.pdf

http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/tloca_letter_of_credit_agreement_2012_printable_form.pdf

Your Society Web site

Check that your Society web site is up to date and that events are listed on the OHA event calendar.

Plant a Tree! - \$100 Grant from the OHA for your Society. Mail soon.

The Ontario Horticultural Association is continuing its Tree Planting Special Project Award, whereby a Society or District may apply for up to \$100 for a special tree planting. Societies can apply for a number of \$100 tree planting grants in 2012.

Although there is no formal procedure for applying for this funding, a letter must be sent via Canada Post outlining what tree is to be planted and indicating if this is a special event for the Society/District. These requests are to be sent to the Association Secretary,

Kelly Taylor
Secretary, Ontario Horticultural Association
448 Paterson Avenue
London, ON
N5W 5C7

_____ Horticultural Society wishes to apply for the \$100 OHA tree grant.

These awards are granted on a first come basis after January 1, 2012. Any society or district that receives this funding cannot apply again for **three** years. Awards are announced to the Directors at the spring board meeting and no further awards are given for the year. Once approved, payment is made upon submission of receipts. Receipts must be received before the end of December, 2012.

*** Send in a quick letter this month to get your \$100 for a tree for your community beautification or environmental project. ***

Youth Club “HELP PROGRAM” GRANT – Mail soon.

This program is to provide Youth Clubs/Groups with financial support. The grant may be applied for by any active Youth Club/Group in Good Standing with the Ontario Horticultural Association.

The grant may be used for programming, seeds, special events, supplies, etc. for the Youth Club/Group applying for the grant.

Any Youth Club/Group receiving a grant cannot apply the following year.

To apply fill out the following information and mail to OHA Awards Coordinator, after January 1st. The first 20 Youth Clubs/Groups will receive a grant of \$50.00.

See the forms page on the OHA web site, Youth section

<http://www.gardenontario.org/abo/forms.php>

http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/2011_youth_help_grant.pdf

SPECIAL PROJECT APPLICATION

To assist the Societies in meeting the objectives of the Ontario Horticultural Association, the Board will provide a SPECIAL PROJECT grant for ten projects a year to a maximum of \$500.00 for each project. The grant is limited to one project per Society per year. This Special Project grant will be reviewed annually. This application is not available to successful Societies for a further five years. Applications must be submitted to your District Director who must submit the signed form to the O.H.A. Secretary by February 28th.

http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/oha_special_project_application.pdf

District 2 AGM 2012, Ottawa

March 31, 2012

Details:

<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/district2/news/online/1445>

Please announce this event at your meetings and in your newsletter and register your members.

Seedy Saturdays and Sundays!

I'm setting up a District 2 table at the Ottawa Seedy Saturday on March 3. I hope to have promotional materials from the Ottawa area societies there.

Jeff

Seedy Saturdays...

Invite your society members to take part. Participate as a horticultural society. Sponsor an event.

<http://www.seeds.ca/ev/events.php>

OHA Convention, Niagara-on-the-Lake

August 17-19, 2012

http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/up_conf.php

Plans are being made for our 106th Convention in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Please let your members know via your yearbook or newsletter.

Encourage your members to enter the competitions.

District 2 Photo Competition

Please remind your members to enter.

<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/district2>

2012 is a new membership year

A reminder to your board to take action on your membership growth plan.

Plant a Pollinator Patch this spring.

<http://roadsides.caroldunk.com/>

In your own garden or as a project for your horticultural society.

Get Inspired!

<http://conservation.gardenontario.org/>

Examples of Horticultural Society Projects

http://www.gardenontario.org/gar/gallery_neighbourhood.php

We're always looking for more examples of projects, please e-mail them to webmaster@gardenontario.org.

Facebook

For users of Facebook, join us on the "Ontario Horticultural Association" Facebook group.

Twitter

OHA: <https://twitter.com/gardenontario>

Master Gardeners: https://twitter.com/MG_Ontario

Awards

Recognize your deserving members with OHA awards:

<http://www.gardenontario.org/act/awa.php>

Supplies

OHA Supplies can be ordered using this form:

http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/supplies_list.pdf